



Health and Disability NGO email update for August 2011

Greetings,

The NGO Desk's latest update includes information about Ministry of Health and NGO activities, a wide range of up and coming conference and event information and other items of interest to the health and disability sector.

This update provides an opportunity to share information with others in the sector and around the Ministry of Health. If you have any comments or information you would like as part of future updates, please email me at ngo@moh.govt.nz and I will be happy to include relevant items.

Kind regards,

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For information about the NGO Working Group download the brochure [Understanding what we do and how you can get involved](#) or check out our website at www.ngo.health.govt.nz.

The 2010 Health and Disability Sector NGO-Ministry of Health Forum "Connections, Strengths and New Directions" was held on 4 November 2010 in Wellington. Slides from the speaker presentations, along with notes from the workshops can be viewed on our website on the [NGO-MoH Forum](#) page.

Make sure you check out our [Resources and Links](#) page which provides a range of documents likely to be of interest to NGOs. These documents are produced by the NGO Working Group, the NGO Health and Disability sector, the Ministry of Health, other New Zealand government agencies and international sources.

Previous issues of the NGO email update are available on the NGO Working Group website - [NGO email updates](#).

Christchurch earthquakes - The latest information can be found on the Ministry of Health website: [earthquake](#).

Influenza 2011 - The latest updates can be found on the Ministry of Health website: [influenza](#).

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THE KIA TŪTAHI STANDING TOGETHER RELATIONSHIP ACCORD

[The Kia Tūtahi Standing Together Relationship Accord](#) is an important symbol of commitment between the communities of Aotearoa New Zealand and the Government of New Zealand to build strong relationships.

The Prime Minister and the Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector signed the Accord at a ceremony at Parliament on 1 August 2011. Forty representatives from the communities of Aotearoa New Zealand and government agencies in Wellington attended the ceremony. At the ceremony, 29 people from communities signed the Accord and 11 officials endorsed it.

Now it's your opportunity to sign, either at [regional events](#) or [online](#). You can sign as an individual or (if mandated to do so) on behalf of an organisation. View the [Accord](#) here

If you wish to sign, send your details to the Office for the Community and Voluntary Sector (OCVS), as described below. Your email will be acknowledged and your name added to the list of signatories (allow a few days for this to happen). You can sign up to the Accord by emailing the following information to: ocvs@dia.govt.nz

- Your first name and last name
- The name of the organisation you represent (if applicable)
- Your city / region

The Ministry of Health is one of six Government agencies selected to champion the Accord. Keep an eye on future newsletters for more details.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH INFORMATION

Ministry of Health media releases

For the latest media releases from the Ministry of Health go to www.moh.govt.nz/media.

The Ministry's structure and business units

For more information about the Ministry's structure and business units go to [Ministry business units](#).

National Health Board News

Go to [NHB newsletter](#) for the July newsletter. It includes information on:

- Dr Jeff Brown, National Health Board member who notes "Health cannot be constrained by contracts trying to second guess every eventuality, so there has to be trust, and where there's trust, we also get innovation and quickly scalable innovations"
- First Air Ambulance to be accredited against new standard
- First World Report on Disability
- Healthline improvements
- Health Workforce NZ update
- National Health IT Board update on telehealth – bringing health care closer to home, enabling remote diagnosis, treatment and prevention of disease and injury, health care related education, research and evaluation
- Regional service plans update

If you would like to join the NHB mailing list please email enquiries@nationalhealthboard.govt.nz

New Ministry publications (since the last email update):

Designated Auditing Agency Handbook: The key purpose of this handbook is to state the Ministry of Health's requirements of Designated Auditing Agencies for auditing and audit reporting for certification of Health Care Services under the Health and Disability Services (Safety) Act 2001. It also gives providers of health care services a guide to specific requirements for various types of audits. This version of the handbook replaces all prior versions and will be updated periodically. For more information go to: [Handbook](#)

Maori Smoking and Tobacco Use 2011: This profile presents information related to the tobacco use of Maori compared with non-Maori, using findings from the Tobacco Use in NZ: Key findings from the 2009 NZ Tobacco Use Survey. The purpose of the profile is to provide an overview with easy-to-use statistical information. For more information go to: [Maori smoking and tobacco use](#)

Tatau Kura Tangata: Health of Older Maori Chart Book 2011: Overview Spinning Wheel: This overview wheel provides selected indicators and covers demographics, socioeconomic determinants of health, risk and protective factors, and health status indicators for 50-64 and 65+ year olds. This spinning wheel is an innovative way of disseminating information contained in this publication. Selected indicators are provided in an easy-to-use and compact format for a wide range of audiences. For more information go to: [Maori chart book](#)

New Zealand Maternity Standards: A set of standards to guide the planning, funding and monitoring of maternity services by the Ministry of Health and DHBs. For more information go to: [Maternity standards](#)

Evaluating Health Impact Assessment (HIA) in New Zealand: Are HIAs worthwhile? This paper provides guidance on the evaluation of HIAs in New Zealand. For more information go to: [Health impact assessment](#)

OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Office for the Community and Voluntary Sector (Department of Internal Affairs)

The publication *Supporting government agencies to engage effectively with citizens and communities* is primarily a guide for public servants who interact with communities. However, community organisations may find the guide useful, both in their own community engagement, and as a reference when working with government agencies. Read more at [goodpracticeparticipate](#)

Department of Internal Affairs - new website for community grants and advice.

The Department's new site is a one-stop shop where communities can access information about the community advisory services, Lottery grants, COGS (the Community Organisation Grants Scheme) and Crown-funded schemes and trusts administered by the Department. This new site replaces the Department's old [www.cdgo.govt.nz](#) website, and is the new gateway to the Grants Online system - [new website](#)

Department of Labour (Employment Relations) – preparing your workplace for an emergency

A resource developed by the Department of Labour can help prepare your workplace for an emergency. All workplaces are required to have procedures in place to effectively manage emergencies that could happen at work. A planned emergency response is required under health and safety legislation to protect all people present in the event of a fire, natural disasters including earthquake, chemical spills, LPG leaks and as well as in the event of someone needing CPR and First Aid. Employers have a legal responsibility to have plans in place in the event of any emergency. To help develop effective emergency response plans for your business visit the [Department of Labour emergency procedures webpage](#). The [Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management](#) also has information for how to prepare for an emergency.

A specific lesson learned from the earthquakes in Canterbury has been the importance of keeping electronic and hardcopy backup files of essential business information. Workplaces became

inaccessible and business owners who did not have staff contact details were unable to check their immediate safety and wellbeing. In many cases businesses were unable to resume normal work because essential data was lost.

Ministry of Social Development

[Fresh Start Reforms in Operation](#) is a progress report on the implementation of the Fresh Start youth justice reforms, which includes current trends in youth offending. The Fresh Start reforms, introduced in October 2010, are the most fundamental change to the youth justice system in the last 20 years. Youth Court judges now have more options to deal with offenders, including powers to order mentoring programmes, alcohol and drug rehabilitation, and parenting education, and the ability to impose longer sentences for our most serious offenders. The report shows there has been good progress on rolling out the new programmes and initiatives, and while it's too early to make judgements on the effectiveness of the reforms, information gathered so far shows promise. The report also highlights the work currently underway to support the improvement of the youth justice and child offender systems. This includes ensuring there are strong monitoring systems in place to measure the effectiveness of interventions, and help inform future development of, and improvements to, programmes and initiatives. For the full report go to

Household Incomes in New Zealand: trends in indicators of inequality and hardship 1982 to 2010 (August 2011): This report provides information on the material wellbeing of New Zealanders as indicated by their household incomes from all sources from 1982 to 2010. For the full report go to [household incomes report](#)

Statistical Report 2010 (July 2011). This report presents a range of information about the use of the services and financial assistance provided by the Ministry of Social Development (MSD). [Read the Statistical Report 2010](#)

Office for Disability Issues

Read the latest news from the Office for Disability Issues and related disability matters [ODI - what's happening](#). News includes:

- Making a difference fund – second round open until 2 September 2011
- Disability Action Plan (Cabinet agreement to priorities)
- Budget 2011
- Release of first NZ report on implementing the UN Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- 2010 annual report on implementing the NZ Disability Strategy

Charities Commission

Read the [latest news](#) from the Charities Commission. The July newsletter includes advice on how to access data from the Charities register.

Until now, people wanting information from the Charities Register have only been able to use the current “simple search”, which allows you to find a list of individual charities. If you wanted “aggregated” financial or other information about (say) charities that operate in the Auckland region, and who help young people, you would have had to look at each charity’s summary page and financial information separately, and then add it all together yourself. This is no longer the case! With the Advanced Search and/or Open Data, you can now delve into the wealth of information held on the Charities Register for yourself, and find out what you want to know about how charities affect New Zealand’s economy, people, and culture. And the great thing is that the data is updated daily – as new charities and their information or added or updated, or charities wind up and leave the Register, their data is updated.

Families Commission

The 50 Key Thinkers Forum, hosted by the Families Commission in Wellington on 11 May 2011, was conceived as a starting point to ignite and reframe thinking about family and whānau support. The forum brought together a collection of innovative thinkers and practitioners from across the social sector to discuss the future of whānau and family support in New Zealand. Speakers included Bill English,

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance; and Paula Bennett, Minister for Social Development and Employment. The full report is now available - [full report](#)

MEDIA RELEASES: MINISTER AND ASSOCIATE MINISTERS OF HEALTH

Media Releases and speeches

Hon Tony Ryall - www.beehive.govt.nz/minister/tony+ryall?type=release

Hon Tariana Turia - www.beehive.govt.nz/minister/tariana+turia

Hon Jonathan Coleman - www.beehive.govt.nz/minister/jonathan+coleman

Hon Peter Dunne - www.beehive.govt.nz/minister/peter+dunne

A summary of key releases and speeches is below:

Hon Tony Ryall

New Members of the National Health Committee (12 August). Health Minister Tony Ryall has announced five new members of the National Health Committee. The new members of the Committee are Craig Climo, the Chief Executive Officer of Waikato DHB, Ross Laidlaw, a retired lawyer and businessman from Wanaka, Sharon Mariu, a businesswoman and member of the Waikato DHB, Dr Mark O'Carroll, a respiratory physician from Auckland, Alex Price, the Chief Executive of Fertility Associates. They join Auckland paediatric surgeon Mrs Anne Kolbe, who was appointed as Chair in April. The committee advises the Minister of Health on health and disability issues, and is involved in the assessment of new diagnostic and treatment services.

Reduction in the number of government agencies (11 August). The Government has announced final decisions on changes that will further reduce the number of government agencies. The decisions are to:

- create an arm's-length health promotion agency that will take over the functions of the Alcohol Advisory Council of New Zealand (ALAC), the Health Sponsorship Council (HSC) and relevant functions of the Ministry of Health.
- bring forward the disestablishment of the Mental Health Commission and transfer functions to the Office of the Health and Disability Commissioner (HDC) and establish a new Mental Health Commissioner within the HDC.
- disestablish the Crown Health Financing Agency, and transfer some of its functions to the Ministry of Health, while others continue to be provided by Treasury's Debt Management Office.
- transfer the functions of the Charities Commission to the Department of Internal Affairs, while providing for independent registration and related functions through a statutory board.
- disestablish the Health Act Boards of Appeal, the Maritime Appeal Authority, and the Land Valuation Tribunals, and transfer their functions to the District Court.

Better Help for Smokers to Quit (29 July). Health Minister Tony Ryall has congratulated the Lakes District Health Board for achieving 100 per cent in the 'Better Help for Smokers to Quit' preventive health target, in the last quarter. The national preventive health target is that 90 per cent of hospitalised smokers get advice and support to quit, and Lakes is the first DHB to achieve 100 per cent for a quarter.

Medicines Regulations (12 July). The Medicines Regulations 1984 and the Medicines (Standing Order) Regulations 2002, have been amended to better align the law with modern medical practice.

Diabetes (11 July). Health Minister Tony Ryall has announced a new set of guidelines is available to help health professionals manage patients with type 2 diabetes. The guidelines have been developed by the Ministry of Health and the New Zealand Guidelines Group, and are available at <http://www.nzgg.org.nz/practice-tools/diabetes>. The web-based tools will be useful for primary care clinicians to help identify patients at high risk of diabetes-related complications, manage raised blood pressure effectively, control blood sugar levels well, and start insulin treatment appropriately.

Hon Tariana Turia

Government to sign Relationship Accord with Communities (2 August). Monday, 1 August, will mark an important milestone in work being progressed to build stronger relationships between communities and government. Prime Minister, John Key, and Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector, Tariana Turia, will join with a wide variety of community and government representatives, Ministers and MPs in Parliament's Grand Hall to sign and celebrate the Kia Tūtahi Standing Together Relationship Accord.

"The Accord is a significant step in an ongoing journey to improve relationships between communities and government" said Mrs Turia. Mrs Turia says the Accord signals the commitment from both government and communities to work together to achieve positive social, economic and environmental outcomes. By putting the principles of the Accord into practice, better outcomes are expected to result for communities from collaboration across central and local government, community organisations, the private sector and citizens. The Accord was developed by a joint community-government steering group co-chaired by Hori Awa and Don Gray. "We are all awaiting the Signing Ceremony with great excitement" said Mrs Turia. "There will also be further opportunities to sign the accord at regional ceremonies over the next month; or to sign online".

Whanau Ora - Minister speaks up to confront funding suggestions (3 August). "From time to time, there has been speculation that when a decision has been made to cut a programme, it must be to support Whanau Ora. I've heard it said in the family violence field; wild rumours have circulated around health providers, and now I've heard that Northland provider, has suggested that their youth programme (funded out of the Healthy Eating, Healthy Action fund) was cut and the funding transferred to Whanau Ora. "Truth is, the money that is being used for Whanau Ora was not previously committed to any particular initiative or programme; it was in fact funded by reprioritising existing funding, primarily within Vote Social Development". For the full release go to [Minister confronts funding suggestions](#)

Communications upgrade for hearing and speech impaired communities (28 July). The Deaf, deaf-blind, speech and hearing-impaired community will soon benefit from an expanded range of communication services, Minister of Information and Communication Technology, Steven Joyce, announced today. New services to be progressively introduced from late this year will include captioned telephony, which allows people to read live captions of spoken phone conversations. People will also be able to contact the relay contact centre by mobile phone, and use a prepaid calling card to make international calls by Internet relay (joint press release by Minister Turia and Minister Joyce)

Smokefree Environments (Controls and Enforcements) Amendment Bill (14 July). For Minister Turia's speech moving that the Smoke-free Environments (Controls and Enforcement) Amendment Bill be read a third time click on [speech](#). The Amendment Bill aims to remove tobacco displays from outlets and also include harsher penalties.

Maori health is every health worker's business (12 July). Minister Turia discusses inequalities and cultural competency - [Minister Turia's speech](#)

Good progress in implementing NZ Carers' Strategy (8 July). Associate Minister for Social Development and Employment, Hon Tariana Turia, says good progress is being made to implement the New Zealand Carers' Strategy and Five Year Action Plan and outlines the key achievements. For more go to [Implementation of Carers' Strategy](#)

Hon Jonathan Coleman

Canterbury (7 July). Efforts are being stepped up to support quake-stricken Cantabrians with more resources being channelled into mental health services, says Associate Health Minister Dr Jonathan Coleman. Extended GP consultations, increased counselling support and a new specialist earthquake response team has been established to help people cope with the on-going effects of the series of major earthquakes and aftershocks in the region.

The services are being supported through an extra \$1.5 million in funding from the Canterbury District Health Board for primary, secondary and community mental health care services.

New guidelines to improve dementia and addiction services (6 July). Dementia sufferers and older people with mental health and addiction problems will benefit from new guidelines for treatment services says Associate Minister of Health Jonathan Coleman. The national guidelines aim to improve access to services and provide consistency in service delivery across all District Health Boards and aged care providers. The guidelines also focus on workforce development, strengthening clinical leadership and providing services based on need, not age. The launch of the guidelines follows the Budget 2011 announcement which delivers an extra \$44 million in funding over four years for people living with dementia.

Hon Peter Dunne

Bicultural ASIST (11 August). Associate Health Minister Dunne's address celebrates developing the world's first Bicultural ASIST tool and the launch of Lifeline's new SafeTALK suicide prevention education campaign.

Misuse of Drugs Act (9 August). Associate Health Minister Peter Dunne today announced that he has issued the first temporary class drug notice under the Misuse of Drugs Act that was amended last week, and that all Kronik and other synthetic cannabis products will be off the market by next Wednesday. "The first temporary class drug notice is being gazetted today. The seven day period until it takes effect begins today," Mr Dunne said.

NGO INFORMATION

Links to sources of NGO information:

- **Community Sector Taskforce:** For jobs available in the NGO sector and updates on what's happening in Tangata Whenua, Community and Voluntary Sector go to [Te Harakeke - week ending 12 August 2011](#)
- **New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services (NZCCSS):** [Policy Watch](#) is a current awareness "e-letter" compiled fortnightly. It provides a tool for keeping track of emerging issues, policy developments and other relevant news snippets and links.
- **Not-For-Profit News:** For news, insight, and opportunities on all things non-profit check out the latest [Not-For-Profit News](#).
- **Volunteering NZ:** For the latest news from Volunteering NZ, check out their website <http://www.volunteeringnz.org.nz/>
- **Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand:** A free weekly newsletter to people interested in new resources and research in the mental health and community development fields. Click [here](#) to subscribe. Or [here](#) to view the latest bulletins.
- **IHC:** For the latest news from IHC check out [Hot issues](#)

REQUESTS FOR SUBMISSIONS

Government Green Paper on Vulnerable Children (submissions close 28 February 2012)

A Government Green Paper¹ has been produced on vulnerable children who have childhoods that make it unlikely they will thrive, belong, and achieve. The Green Paper has some ideas about what the Government could do to improve outcomes for vulnerable children. It aims to open up discussions about the issues and it is a chance for you to have your say. Submissions are due by 28 February 2012. Once all of the submissions have been received and analysed, a White Paper will be released outlining the Vulnerable Children's Action Plan which will be published in 2012. For more details go to <http://www.childrensactionplan.govt.nz/>

¹ A Green Paper is a discussion paper outlining ideas a government wants to test with the public before making decisions).

Rules for Incorporated Societies (Submissions close on 30 September 2011)

The Law Commission is an independent Crown entity under the Crown Entities Act 2004. It is funded by government and reviews areas of the law that need updating, reforming or developing. It makes recommendations to Parliament. The Commission is consulting on the legal structure and rules of incorporated societies. Currently much of the not-for-profit sector in New Zealand is governed by the century old Incorporated Societies Act 1908 – an Act which the Law Commission argues is in need of major reform. The Commission is seeking feedback on a range of issues and options for reform raised in the paper “Reforming the Incorporated Societies Act 1908” including:

- whether all societies should, as a condition of incorporation, be subject to certain minimum governance rules that they cannot vary;
- whether a new Act ought to provide a code that makes the obligations of committee members clearer;
- how the Act should provide for the resolution of disputes between members and their societies;
- what rules societies ought to be required to have in their constitution, and the nature of those rules.

The Commission also considers whether a new Incorporated Societies Act should also replace the ability to incorporate under the Charitable Trusts Act. The paper is available [here](#). To make a submission go to [Make a submission](#).

Proposal that Traditional Chinese Medicine Become a Regulated Profession (closes 19 August)

Traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) practitioners groups have applied to the Ministry of Health to be regulated under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003. The proposal to regulate the TCM profession outlines the reasons for regulating a profession, a brief background on the profession and invites comments on the proposal. If you have evidence that is relevant to the questions in the proposal please provide references to these to inform the final decision about regulation. Click [here](#) for more information.

FUNDING, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

Making a Difference Fund - Second round of funding - open from 1 August to 2 September 2011

The fund supports local communities to implement projects to change the attitudes and behaviour that limit opportunities for disabled people. The Making a Difference Fund gives priority to projects that are collaborative, have support from across the community and have a well-thought-out plan to effect local change. Seven projects were supported through the first round of funding.

The Making a Difference fund is part of a campaign to change the attitudes and behaviour that limit opportunities for disabled people. The campaign is led by Family and Community Services (FACS) in partnership with the Office for Disability Issues. [Download application form](#)

Te Puni Kōkiri (Ministry of Māori Development)

Information on funding available from The Puni Kōkiri can be found [here](#).

TRAINING, EDUCATION, RESOURCES AND CONFERENCES


Careerforce

To view the latest news from careerforce, go to [e-Chat](#)

Disability Workforce Development e-newsletter (Te Pou):

To read the monthly e-newsletter and see what training and training grants are available go to [Disability Workforce Development](#).

Creating Transformative Change in Practice and Organisations Workshop

Te Aroha Noa Community Services and Massey University present 'Creating Transformative Change in Practice and Organisations'. A three day workshop - 31st October - 2nd November 2011.  [TANC Brochure master.pdf \(147 KB\)](#)

Fundraising Institute of NZ (FINZ) Training Day – 7 September, Auckland - \$115 incl GST

The FINZ 360 Degree View Training is a full day of training for managers, fundraisers, board and committee members, along with volunteers and others working and supporting not for profit groups. The philosophy behind the day is to support small to medium sized organisations that are not in a position to offer their employees or volunteers the opportunity to attend training courses or FINZ conferences, hence the fee of \$115.

During the day you will have the opportunity to attend four workshop sessions covering the following topics:

- Bequests
- Selling Your Cause to the Public
- Developing a Fundraising Strategy
- Making Your Data Work
- Direct Mail
- How to get Your Message in the Media
- Telemarketing
- Capital Fundraising
- How to Develop and Maintain Corporate Relationships
- Using Social Media in Your Organisation
- Fundraising Career Development
- The Do's and Don'ts of Special Events on a Shoestring
- Trusts and Foundations: Are You Getting Your Share of the Funds Available

For more information and to register [click here](#)

World Class Health Management – Kicking for Goal – 24-26 August 2011-08-12

The Australian College of Health Management (ACHSM) and its New Zealand branch, the NZ Institute of Health Management - invite you to take part in this one-off collaborative event - a 2.5 day International Health Management congress in Rotorua. For more details visit [kicking for goal](#)

Every Body In – an inaugural conference on Disability Studies – 27-30 November 2011, University of Otago, Dunedin

An inaugural conference on Disability Studies is being planned. The theme is Every Body In. The aim of the conference is to provide a forum for people from diverse backgrounds and life experiences to share their knowledge and research with others. [For more information on the conference](#)

Advocacy Training

The Children's Commissioner offers a Child Rights Advocacy Training programme to communities throughout NZ. The programme is organised and facilitated by trained and experienced staff from the Office of the Children's Commissioner. The workshop discusses children's position in society and the need for advocacy. It promotes knowledge and interest in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCROC) and its use when advocating for a child. The overall intention is to share advocacy skills and to inform how they can be applied to your current work. The training is designed to be inclusive of the diverse range of people who undertake paid and unpaid work involving children and young people. For more information go to [advocacy training](#).

Health of the Health Professional Conference – Auckland, 3-5 November 2011

This major international event, being held in Auckland from 3-5 November 2011, focuses on bringing together employers, staff and unions across the health and caring professions to raise awareness and advance the state of knowledge about issues that affect the health of health workers. The conference is being jointly hosted by the Goodfellow Unit at The University of Auckland, and the Australasian Doctors' Health Network. Conference themes include: Building resilience, coping strategies, re-energising using holistic approaches; caring for your colleagues; practical advice on career transitions and flexible ways of working. Early Bird registrations close on 1st September 2011. More information is available at [www.hohp.org.nz](#).

Change of date - The Big Event™ Health & Disability Expo, 9 & 10 March 2012 (Auckland)

The Big Event™ World of Possibilities, Disabilities, Healthy Aging and Independent Living Expo will now be held on 9-10 March 2012 (delayed from 2 and 3 December 2011) at ASB Expo Centre, Greenlane. The Expo will provide an opportunity to enhance your knowledge and to explore the latest products, services, technology and resources. For information how you or your group or business can be involved, email adpnexpo@gmail.com.

Waikato Health and Disability Expo – 16-17 September 2011, Hamilton

From its beginnings as a grassroots community initiative in 2003, The Waikato Health & Disability Expo has grown to become a successful annual event improving access to information and services, and raising awareness of health and disability issues. The event enjoys the support of like-minded organisations working for a healthier community including the Hamilton City Council and the Ministry of Social Development. [More here](#)

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